

SB 389 Opponent Testimony – written only
Senate Education Committee
Disclosure of Student Data
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Chairperson Baumgardner and Members of the Committee,

We appreciate this opportunity to submit written testimony in opposition of SB 389, which would permit disclosure of certain de-identified student data.

Asking students to provide information the about the student's or the student's parents' or guardians' beliefs on issues such as sex, family life, morality or religion are extreme invasions of constitutional rights to personal privacy. It doesn't matter that students may be allowed to provide the information anonymously and voluntarily; a student can easily feel pressured to 'go along' and anonymity cannot be guaranteed in a classroom setting.

Parents' and guardians' ability to opt out is also insufficient. Frankly, we strongly believe that government should not be collecting information of this nature and would object to its collection even with an opt-in requirement.

Accordingly, we encourage the committee to reject SB 389 and thank the committee for its consideration.